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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Ellington et al.

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EXAMINER: Terra C. Gibbs

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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Boston, Massachusetts

September 9, 2005

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2005 in the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before September 9, 2005. A check in the amount of \$510.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, (Reference No. 23239-301A).

Respectfully submitted,

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